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CLAIMS OF WYANDOTT INDIANS.

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LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

TRANSMITTING

*Claims of Wyandott Indians for property taken from them by whites.*

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JANUARY 21, 1871.—Referred to the Committee of Claims and ordered to be printed.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
Washington, D. C., January 26, 1871.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith a communication, dated the 14th instant, from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, together with the claims of John Kayraahoo, Mary Whitewing or widow Boyd, Hannah Coon, Peter Charloe, and Mary Kayraahoo, senior, Wyandott Indians, for depredations committed upon their property by white persons in the years 1849, 1859, 1862, 1863, 1864, and 1865.

For the reasons stated in the letter of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, and agreeably to his recommendation, the claims are respectfully submitted to Congress for the consideration and action of that body.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

C. DELANO,  
Secretary.

Hon. JAMES G. BLAINE,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,  
Washington, D. C., January 14, 1871.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith claims of John Kayraahoo, Mary Whitewing or widow Boyd, Hannah Coon, Peter Charloe, and Mary Kayraahoo, senior, Wyandott Indians, for depredations committed upon their property by persons unknown, but supposed to be emigrants to California, or settlers in Kansas, at different times in the years 1849, 1859, 1862, 1863, 1864, and 1865; the aggregate value of the property lost by them in consequence thereof being \$1,730.

These claims were submitted recently, (January 3, instant,) to this office for the first time, by A. Guthrie, in behalf of the claimants, through Honorable S. C. Pomeroy, with the remark by the former that through some neglect they were not sent to the Department when the treaty

(with the Wyandotts and other small tribes) of 1867 was made; and also with a request that they now be acted upon by Congress, in connection with the claims of a similar character allowed under that treaty, and which Congress will probably act upon this session.

The treaty of 1867, to which Mr. Guthrie refers, does not provide for the adjustment of the claims he now presents. They properly come under the provision contained in the 16th section of the act of Congress regulating trade and intercourse with Indian tribes; but as it is doubtless impracticable at this date to ascertain who were the depredators, and to proceed in the matter in accordance with the requirements of the law, I recommend that they be submitted to Congress for appropriate action thereon.

The testimony in each case is very meager and unsatisfactory, but it is perhaps the best that could under the circumstances be procured; in two of the cases it appears from the interpolations made that the papers were prepared for use in 1862, but were not subscribed until 1865; and that in the case of Hannah Coon the amount was originally \$50, but afterward increased to \$105.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

H. R. CLUM,  
*Acting Commissioner.*

Hon. C. DELANO,  
*Secretary of the Interior.*

Colonel PARKER,  
*Commissioner, &c., &c.:*

I present herewith some claims for depredations from members of the Wyandott nation of Indians. They should be recommended to Congress, if there is no other way of payment.

S. C. POMEROY.

QUINDARO, KANSAS, *December 29, 1870.*

SIR: I herein send you a few Wyandott claims for depredations, and respectfully request that you will have them examined, and, if found correct, that you will send them to Congress, with a recommendation that they be paid. Through some neglect they had not been sent to the Department when the treaty of 1867 was made, but as the claims allowed under that treaty will probably be acted on by Congress at the present session, I should like to have all the claims acted on at once, and thus close up all claims of the Wyandotts.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant;

A. GUTHRIE,  
*In behalf of the Wyandotts.*

Hon. E. S. PARKER,  
*Commissioner of Indian Affairs.*

John Kayrahoo, depredations as follows:

September, 1863, 1 horse.....	\$125
September, 1863, 1 horse.....	125
October, 1864, 1 horse .....	150
June, 1864, 1 horse .....	100
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Depredators unknown.

Sworn before Agent Pratt, November 20, 1865.

Mary Kayrahoo witness as to the loss and value of property.

Mary Whitewing, lost in—

May, 1849, (by supposed California emigrants,) 2 horses, \$40 each .....	\$80 00
May, 1849, 20 hogs, \$1 each .....	20 00
May, 1849, 10 hogs for killing, \$5 each .....	50 00
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	150 00
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Sworn before Agent Pratt, November 20, 1865.

Mary Kayrahoo witness as to the loss and value.

Hannah Coon, lost in—

October, 1859, (by supposed settlers in Kansas,) 1 horse .....	\$40 00
October, 1859, 1 horse .....	55 00
October, 1859, 1 colt .....	10 00
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	105 00
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Sworn before Agent Pratt, November 20, 1865.

Mary Whitewing witness as to loss and value.

Peter Charloe lost in March, 1864, (by persons unknown,) 1 horse, worth.. \$150 00

Sworn to before Agent Pratt, November 20, 1865.

Francis Cotter witness as to loss and value.

Mary Kayrahoo, senior, lost, in—

April, 1863, (by persons unknown,) 1 horse, worth .....	\$150 00
November, 1863, 1 horse .....	60 00
November, 1863, 1 horse .....	40 00
March, 1864, 1 horse .....	100 00
March, 1864, 1 horse .....	40 00
May, 1865, 1 horse .....	60 00
May, 1865, 1 colt .....	20 00
July, 1863, 1 cow .....	20 00
July, 1863, 1 cow .....	25 00
September, 1863, 1 ox .....	15 00
November, 1864, 1 cow .....	25 00
November, 1864, 1 cow .....	25 00
November, 1862, 40 hogs, at \$5 .....	200 00
November, 1862, 1 sow .....	25 00
November, 1862, 20 stock hogs, at \$1 each .....	20 00
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	\$825 00
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Sworn before Agent Pratt, November 20, 1865.

John Kayrahoo witness as to loss and value.

John Kayrahoo, amount of claim .....	\$500 00
Mary Whitewing, amount of claim .....	150 00
Hannah Coon, amount of claim .....	105 00
Peter Charloe, amount of claim .....	150 00
Mary Kayrahoo, amount of claim .....	825 00
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	1,730 00
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DELAWARE AND WYANDOTT AGENCY,  
November 20, 1865.

John Kayrahoo, duly sworn, deposes and says that he is a member of the Wyandott tribe of Indians, and that in the month of September, A. D. 1863, there was stolen from him one clay-colored horse, white blaze on the forehead, eight years old, worth \$125; and in the month of November, the same year, stolen from him one bay horse, seven years old, worth \$125; and in the month of October, A. D. 1864, stolen from him by person or persons unknown, one bay horse, six years old, worth

\$150; and in the month of June, A. D. 1864, stolen from him one light sorrel horse, five years old, worth \$100. Total amount, \$500.

And he says further that he has not recovered any part of said property, nor received any compensation therefor.

JOHN <sup>his</sup> + KAYRAHOO.  
mark.

STATE OF KANSAS, *Wyandott County* :

At Wyandott, this 20th day of November, A. D. 1865, the foregoing affidavit subscribed in my presence, and sworn to before me.

JOHN G. PRATT,  
*United States Indian Agent.*

DELAWARE AND WYANDOTT AGENCY,  
November 20, 1865.

Mary Kayraahoo, sr., being first duly sworn, deposes and says that she is a member of the Wyandott tribe of Indians, and that she is acquainted with John Kayraahoo, whose affidavit is in this sheet, that has this day been carefully read to this affiant, and that there was stolen from the said John Kayraahoo the several animals mentioned in this affidavit at the times therein specified, and that said property was of the value stated in said affidavit.

MARY <sup>her</sup> + KAYRAHOO.  
mark.

Sworn to and subscribed before me.

JOHN G. PRATT,  
*United States Indian Agent.*

DELAWARE AND WYANDOTT AGENCY.

Mary Whitewing, or widow Boyd, duly sworn, says that she is a member of the Wyandott tribe of Indians; that in the month of May, A. D. 1849, there was stolen from her, supposed by California emigrants, person or persons unknown, one black mare, four years old, value, \$40; also one gray mare, eight years old, value, \$40; also twenty head of stock hogs, value, \$1 per head, \$20; also ten head of fattening hogs, value, \$5 per head, \$50; and affiant further says she never recovered any part of said property, nor received compensation therefor.

MARY <sup>her</sup> + WHITEWING.  
mark.

STATE OF KANSAS, *Wyandott County*, ss :

At Wyandott, this 20th day of November, 1865, the foregoing affidavit subscribed in my presence, and sworn to before me.

JOHN G. PRATT,  
*United States Indian Agent.*

DELAWARE AND WYANDOTT AGENCY.

Mary Kayraahoo, sr., being first duly sworn, deposes and says that she is a Wyandott Indian; that she is acquainted with Mary Whitewing, or Widow Boyd, whose affidavit is on this sheet, that was this day carefully read to this affiant, and that there was stolen from the said Mary Whitewing, or Widow Boyd, the several animals mentioned in her affidavit, at

the time therein specified, and that said property was of the value stated in said affidavit.

MARY <sup>her</sup> + KAYRAHOO, SR.  
mark.

DELAWARE AND WYANDOTT AGENCY.

Hannah Coon, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that she is a member of the Wyandott tribe of Indians; that in the month of October, A. D. 1859, there was stolen from her by some person or persons unknown to this affiant, but supposed to be the settlers in Kansas—

One black mare, five years old, valued at .....	\$40 00
One bay horse, valued at .....	55 00
And one bay colt, of the value of ten dollars .....	10 00
	<hr/> 105 00

And she further says she never recovered any of said property, nor received any pay therefor.

HANNAH <sup>her</sup> + COON.  
mark.

STATE OF KANSAS, *Wyandott County, ss :*

At Wyandott, this 20th day of November, A. D. 1865, the foregoing affidavit was subscribed in my presence, and sworn to before me.

JOHN G. PRATT,  
*United States Indian Agent.*

DELAWARE AND WYANDOTT AGENCY.

Mary Whitewing, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that she is a Wyandott Indian; that she is acquainted with Hannah Coon, whose affidavit is on this sheet, that has this day been carefully read to this affiant; and that there was stolen from the said Hannah Coon the several animals mentioned in her affidavit, at the time therein specified, and that said property was of the value stated in said affidavit.

MARY <sup>her</sup> + WHITEWING.  
mark.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20th day of November, 1865.

JOHN G. PRATT,  
*United States Indian Agent.*

DELAWARE AND WYANDOTT AGENCY, A. D. 1865.

Peter Charloe, duly sworn, deposes and says that he is a member of the Wyandott tribe of Indians; and that in the month of March, A. D. 1864, there was stolen from him by person or persons unknown, one bay horse, five years old, worth \$150; and says further that he never has recovered any compensation for said horse.

PETER <sup>his</sup> + CHARLOE.  
mark.

STATE OF KANSAS, *Wyandott County* :

At Wyandott, this 20th day of November, A. D. 1865, the foregoing affidavit subscribed in my presence, and sworn to before me.

JOHN G. PRATT,  
*United States Indian Agent.*

## DELAWARE AND WYANDOTT AGENCY.

Francis Cotter, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he is acquainted with Peter Charloe, whose affidavit is in this sheet, that has this day been carefully read to this affiant; and there was stolen from the said Peter Charloe the animal specified in this affidavit, at the time mentioned therein.

FRANCIS COTTER.

Sworn to and signed before me this 20th day of November, 1865.

JOHN G. PRATT,  
*United States Indian Agent.*

Attest:

FRANCIS COTTER.

DELAWARE AND WYANDOTT AGENCY,  
*November 20, 1865.*

Mary Kayraho, sr., duly sworn, deposes and says that she is a member of the Wyandott tribe of Indians, and that in the month of April, A. D. 1863, there was stolen from her, by person or persons unknown, one light-sorrel, white-faced horse, eight years old, value \$150; also, in the month of November, A. D. 1863, stolen from her, by person or persons unknown, one black mare, four years old, worth \$60; also, one bay horse, three years old, worth \$40. And in the month of March, A. D. 1864, there was stolen from her one bay mare, nine years old, worth \$100; also, one bay mare, three years old, worth \$40. And in the month of May, A. D. 1865, there was stolen from her, by person or persons unknown, one brown mare, four years old, value \$60; also, one year-old colt worth \$20. And in the month of July, A. D. 1863, there was stolen from her, supposed by settlers in Kansas, one red cow, four years old, worth \$20; also, one black cow, eight years old, worth \$25. And in the month of September, A. D. 1863, there was stolen from her one steer, or ox, three years old, worth \$15. And in the month of November, A. D. 1864, stolen from her, by person or persons unknown, one red cow with bell on, six years old, worth \$25; and one brown cow, four years old, worth \$25. And in the month of November, A. D. 1862, stolen from her, supposed by the new settlers in Kansas, forty head of fattening hogs, worth \$5 per head, making \$200; also five head of brood sows, worth \$5 per head, worth \$25; also, twenty head of stock hogs, worth one dollar per head, value \$20; and in all making \$825. And she says further, that she has never recovered any part of said property, nor received compensation therefor.

MARY <sup>her</sup> + KAYRAHOO, SR.  
mark.

STATE OF KANSAS, *Wyandott County* :

At Wyandott, this 20th day of November, A. D. 1865, the foregoing affidavit subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me.

JOHN G. PRATT,  
*United States Indian Agent.*



DELAWARE AND WYANDOTT AGENCY,  
November 20, 1865.

John Kayrahoo being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he is a member of the Wyandott tribe of Indians, and that he is acquainted with the said Mary Kayrahoo, sr., whose affidavit is in this sheet, and was this day carefully read to this affiant, and that there was stolen from the said Mary Kayrahoo, sr., the several animals mentioned in this affidavit, at the times therein specified, and that said property was of the value stated in said affidavit.

JOHN <sup>his</sup> + KAYRAHOO.  
mark.

Sworn to and signed before me.

JOHN G. PRATT,  
*United States Indian Agent.*

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